

Itawamba County

Formerly Tombigbee Baptist Association, org. 1883, name changed to Itawamba County Baptist Association in 1921;

Missing numbers: (I failed to find missing in Tombigbee before sending the file to Dr. Cox few days ago) Since name was changed to Itawamba,

Missing numbers: 1921, 1922, 1925, 1929, 1831, 1942, 1944, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The third annual session of the Itawamba County Association convened with Salem Church, Oct. 20-22, 1923.

The introductory preacher being absent, Rev. J. B. G. Hewlett was selected to deliver this sermon. He responded with a very able sermon, which was greatly enjoyed by his hearers.

The noon hour having arrived, adjournment was taken until 1:30. After partaking of refreshments, the Messengers and visitors assembled and engaged in a splendid song service, after which the moderator read an evening lesson, a prayer was offered, and the body then proceeded to take up the regular work. The Moderator appointed J. G. Wood and Wm. Chaffin as reading clerks; D. W. Gaham, J. C. Graham and J. A. Conwill were appointed by the Moderator as a Committee on Finance; Sister Delaphan Mayhall was selected as clerk pro tem.

The Moderator called for letters from the churches and letters were read from the following churches and Messengers' names were enrolled, to-wit:

✓ SALEM—Rev. H. T. Randolph, Mrs. O. N. Robinson, Mrs. W. J. Waddle; alternate, Miss Ethel Waddle.

✓ FULTON—J. E. Burch, J. K. Davis, Mrs. A. J. Darling; alternate, B. F. Chilcoat.

✓ FAIRVIEW—S. A. Byram, J. G. Wood, M. W. Graham and W. H. Barkley, alternate.

PROVIDENCE—C. S. Alverson, J. S. Jones, J. R. Wilson and G. D. Parker, alternate.

✓ MT. PISGAH—L. A. Bookout, Mrs. L. A. Bookout, Roy Bookout and J. L. Bookout, alternate.

✓ NEW HOME—R. V. Wheeler, C. E. Spencer W. P. Wallace and J. C. Chamblee, alternate.

✓ UNION GROVE—W. T. McNiece, T. B. Farrar and Covella McFadden.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. T. Harmon, H. L. Stegall, Dio Steele and N. B. Thomas, alternate.

There being no Messengers from Hopewell and Bethany, the following visitors from those churches were present: Rev. J. A. Comwill was seated as delegate for Hopewell and W. M. Chaffin and Elder J. F. Benson were seated as Messengers from Bethany.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as fol-

lows: A. T. Cleveland was re-elected Moderator and D. W. Graham, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator called for correspondents or Messengers from other associations. Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett from Tallahatchie County Association, and Bro. M. B. Waddle and Rev. G. W. Guntharp, from Tishomingo County Association, were invited to seats with us.

A letter from J. G. Chastain, Tampa Bay, Fla., was read and Clerk instructed to answer.

Bros. A. J. Darling, J. A. Conwill and Wm. M. Chaffin were appointed as Committee on Committees. Their report follows:

Committee on Nominations—J. F. Benson, A. J. Darling and J. A. Conwill.

Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting—J. G. Wood, Wm. M. Chaffin and H. S. Williams.

Committee of Obituaries—W. P. Lessenberry and G. O. Parker.

Committee on Social Service—Rev. J. C. Graham, chairman.

Committee on Christian Education—O. N. Robinson, chairman.

Committee on Missions—S. T. Graham, chairman.

A resolution was adopted to change the date of our annual meeting to the Thursday and Friday after first Sunday in October each year.

On motion by J. F. Benson, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett was selected to preach on Stewardship Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The business session was adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Monday.

SUNDAY

In accordance with previous arrangement, Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett preached on the theme "Stewardship." Lesson, Ps. 24, speaking from Ps. 24:1-2, I Cor. 10:26, Gen. 14:18-20, Luke 27:30-32, and other Scriptures, explaining the institution of the tithe under grace before the law; the tithe under the law, and the continuation of the tithe under grace since the law. It was a great sermon.

MONDAY—9 A.M.

Association called to order by Elder J. F. Benson. Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Devotional, Rev. J. A. Conwill. Reading, Heb. 1, and prayer.

Rev. A. J. Darling was called to preside, the Moderator being absent.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Christian Education in General—The educational institution which is free to encourage and develop the appreciation of the best and noblest things in life is the institution where the truest education can be secured. The school which lays the emphasis upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and which is able to inspire students to think in harmony with his divine mind, provides for the next generation the men and women who are destined to become the leaders in every field of noble thought and worthy action.

The Baptists of Mississippi have wisely built and are now supporting a group of schools which are imparting the type of education in which the process and the goal of learning have their inspiration in a faithful appreciation of Jesus Christ.

The State Denominational Schools—Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, Mississippi Woman's College, Clarke Memorial College.

The South-Wide Institutions—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Baptist Bible Institute, Southwestern Baptist, Theological Seminary.

Ministerial Education—There were one hundred and nineteen ministerial students in Mississippi and Clarke Colleges last session. Two-thirds of these received some help from the Board of Ministerial Education. At least one-half of these could not have remained in college without help. There were applications for help for about twice as much as was received for ministerial education. Ministerial students are entering our colleges in increasing numbers and the funds being received are entirely inadequate to take care of the needs.

O. N. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. O. N. Robinson, Rev. J. A. Conwill, Rev. A. J. Darling, Rev. A. M. Nix and Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, and adopted.

The following visitors from Tishomingo County Association were recognized and welcomed: Rev. A. M. Nix, Bros. J. R. Bickerstaff, M. A. Shook and J. B. McRae.

At 11 a.m. Elder J. R. G. Hewlett preached an

instructive sermon on the Great Commission, which was greatly appreciated by his hearers. Closing prayer by Elder Nix. At the close of the service refreshments were served.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Messengers and visitors assembled at o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. M. Nix. Reading Ps. 126 and 116. Prayer by Elder Hewlett.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the following brethren as an Executive Committee of the Association: A. J. Darling, Fulton, chairman; R. V. Wheeler, New Home; L. A. Bookout, Mt. Pisgah; Johnson Stevens, Pleasant Ridge; U. G. Summerford, Liberty Grove; Bob Doster, Mt. Moriah; Dio Steele, Pleasant Grove; Judie Cantrell, Union Grove; W. T. Lessenberry, Bethany; G. O. Parker, Providence; Hugh Conwill, Hopewell; J. T. Page, Shiloh; D. W. Graham, Fairview; O. N. Robinson, Salem; J. W. Powell, White Church. Rev. A. J. Darling was nominated as our member on State Board. Nominations were confirmed.

Committee on Place of Next Associational Meeting recommended that we meet with New Home Church next year, Elder A. J. Darling to preach the introductory sermon. Adopted.

Report on Missions—In its broadest phase the subject of missions covers the whole gamut of Christian activity. Our discussion is to be limited to missions within the Association, missions within the State, and missions among Southern Baptists and on the foreign fields.

Missions Within the Association—Special emphasis is given to missions within the Association. The churches which compose this Association have great responsibilities, as well as great possibilities, in considering the welfare of each other. No church can stand aloof from other churches and perform its whole mission. Churches of Jesus Christ are truly independent bodies, but they are just as truly interdependent, both in behalf of their own welfare and in approaching and accomplishing the great kingdom enterprises. In view of the increasing opportunities and achievements of our denomination, it is all the

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more important that churches of the Association be strongly bound together, giving aid, strength and encouragement to each other in the midst of their problems, plans and undertakings.

Missions Within the State—The mission work within the State has made good progress during the year. The pastors and churches and all the working forces of the denomination in the State have rendered splendid service and the various causes have made great strides forward.

The 75 Million Campaign—We call special attention to the re-enforcement campaign which will be put on in all of the Associations this fall, when an effort will be made (a) to enlist all members who did not subscribe at the beginning and all new members who have since come into our church; (b) to collect all pledges due and to solicit cash contributions from all who have made no pledges; (c) to enroll as many tithers as possible in all of our churches.

We would urge that contributions to this fund be made regularly by all the churches and that the treasurers forward the amounts monthly to Dr. J. B. Gunter, Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The Sunday School workers have visited one hundred and sixty-six churches, have delivered one thousand and twelve diplomas, have delivered a sum total of three thousand four hundred and sixty awards, have conducted or aided in thirteen city training schools, have held 46 rural schools, have given two weeks each to the Negroes at Jackson College and Natchez College.

There has been eighty additions to the churches as a result of the S. S. Missionaries. "The great need of the hour is trained workers. We insist that every church will do its season of training just as it now has its season of revivals".

B. Y. P. U. WORK.

Mr. Auber J. Wilds, secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, reports that we have 600 B. Y. P. U., 100 of these being organized this year.

W. M. U. WORK.

The W. M. U. have five definite aims in their

work, namely; Supplication, Stewardship, Study Service and Soul-Winning. There are now 1,404 local organizations, of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies, and the other Young People's.

ENLISTMENT WORK OR CHURCH EFFICIENCY.

The word efficiency means doing anything well. The real meaning of this work is that we are endeavoring to learn to be good servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Vessels unto honor, sanctified, meet for the Master's use, prepared unto every good work".

When one is born of the Holy Spirit, there is a yearning in the heart to be of Christian service.

What that one needs is not enlistment, but teaching and training in the things he already longs to do. We must as churches catch a new and larger vision of the meaning of the third injunction of the great commission of our Lord, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

PUBLICATIONS.

The Baptist Record has now a circulation of about 10,500. Its interests have so multiplied that it fills a very large place in the on-going of the work.

THE BAPTIST PRESS

The Baptist printing press is now ready to do printing for all of our Baptist interests. It represents an outlay of nearly \$20,000, and is up to date in every particular, and deserves the hearty patronage and support of our people.

THE BAPTIST BOOK STORE

The Baptist Book Store is carrying a complete line of Bibles, song books, theological works and other books of general interest. We urge our people to patronize our own book store.

TRACT DEPARTMENT

A splendid assortment of tracts on all phases can be had by writing to Dr. J. B. Gunter.

MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

HOME MISSIONS

The work of this Board consists of co-operative

missions, enlistment, evangelism, mountain schools foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Cuba and Panama, soldiers and seamen, publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium and church extension.

There were last year a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions under direction of the Home Board. These workers delivered 165,445 sermons, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 56,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 305 churches, built 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday schools, distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists are now working in sixteen countries of the world, comprising a population of nine hundred million, one-fourth of the world. There are now 622 churches in the foreign fields, with a membership of 64,350. They gave \$7.24 per member last year. There are 694 schools with 26,507 students. There are 971 Sunday schools, with 53,691 scholars. There were 7,891 baptisms during the year. Contributions to Foreign Missions were reduced last year. This is our solemn obligation—to maintain and advance what we have so nobly begun. Unparalleled opportunities face a people with unmatched doctrines and resources. What shall we do? Go backward or go forward?

REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Under Social Service are the agencies that seek to deal with crime, disease, etc. In dealing with these let us use preventives—sanitation, law enforcement, correctives, relief measures, orphans' homes, hospitals, etc. Let us consider and support our Social Service institutions, which are as follows:

The orphanage at Jackson, Miss., J. R. Carter, Superintendent, was established 25 years ago; has cared for more than 1,000 children. One hundred and eighty now in the home being trained for useful lives, supported by their pro rata of 75 Million Fund, voluntary contributions, donations of food, clothing, etc.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Superintendent. In 1910 operated in wooden structure with

10 beds. In 1912 in brick house with 35 beds. Now we can prepare 125 beds. Has a well equipped laboratory and up-to-date X-ray.

Our staff is composed of the best men in the profession. The hospital is thankful for the sheets, towels, etc., sent, and hope it will continue. Our charity patients must be in proportion to paying patients. Every dollar above expenses of paying patients is used to care for the unable-to-pay patients.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, W. R. Bethea, Superintendent. Notable features: First six months 1922 our Memorial Home for Nurses completed and occupied; scientific diet, kitchen and two ward rooms for crippled children. Admitted patients, 4,168; Tennessee, 2,746; Mississippi, 778; other states, 643; 74 from Mississippi treated free. The X-ray department handled 1,041 patients for diagnosis, treated 102, ministered to them 1,928 times in the six months. The six months' business amounted to \$329,621.38.

GOOD WILL CENTER

Willie Mae McLellan, Superintendent. Located at Meridian. Comfortable class rooms for all clubs, and the helpless are taken care of. How would you like a good will house in our Association?

The Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunceford, corresponding secretary; chartered 1918, in Dallas, Tex. Paid to old preachers \$300,173.31. Last year they paid out \$10,000 more than previous year. There is now on the pay list between 800 and 900. The way they get the money is through the 75 Million Fund.

J. C. GRAHAM.

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OUR DEAD

As we meet in happy reunion our pleasures are saddened because of the vacant places made by the death of some of our members.

We cannot restore them to life, nor question the wisdom of God in calling them home. May God bless, guard and guide those who are bereaved.

THE DEPARTED ARE:

Fairview—Miss Oma Graham.

Salem—Mrs. S. A. Carpenter and Mrs. Muri
Cole.

Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Sallie Bowen.

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

For Orphan's Home	\$25.00
For Home and Foreign Missions	1.50
For Minute Fund	20.66
Total	<u>\$47.16</u>

EXPENDITURES

October 23, 1922—To Orphan's Home	\$25.00
October 23, 1922—To Missions	1.50
September 14, 1923—To Postage on Blank Letters17
October 23, 1922—To A. D. Graham (borrowed money)	4.20
Total	<u>\$30.87</u>
Balance in Bank	<u>\$16.29</u>

Submitted,

S. T. GRAHAM,
Clerk and Treasurer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Churches; Clerks and their address; S. S.
Supt.; Pastors; S. S. Members.

	S. S. Members	Baptisms	Rec'd by Letter	Statement	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Expelled	Total Members
✓ Fairview—J. C. Graham, pastor; D. W. Graham, Eastman, clerk.....	—	13	2	—	4	1	—	102
✓ Pleasant Grove—R. L. Birmingham, pastor; R. S. Harrison, Smithville, clerk; J. E. Kennedy, S. S. Supt.....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	50
✓ Union Grove—A. J. Darling, pastor; T. B. Farrar, Fulton, clerk.....	—	13	1	—	4	—	—	65
✓ Fulton—A. J. Darling, pastor; A. R. Senter, Fulton, clerk; Dr. R. L. Senter, S. S. Supt.....	137	19	27	—	2	—	1	1171
Providence—F. M. Holley, pastor; G. A. Penker, Tremont, clerk.....	—	1	1	—	6	—	—	79
✓ Salem—J. C. Graham, pastor; H. S. Williams, Eastman, clerk; H. S. Williams, S. S. Supt.....	—	4	—	—	—	2	—	140
✓ New Home—J. F. Benson, pastor; R. V. Wheeler, Clay, clerk.....	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	65
✓ Mt. Pisgah—G. A. Senter, pastor; Roy Bookout, Clay, clerk.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	45
✓ Hopewell **	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
✓ Bethany **	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88
✓ Antioch *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62
✓ Mt. Moriah *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
✓ Liberty Grove *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	92
✓ Shiloh *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72
✓ Mt. Zion *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80
✓ Mt. Pleasant *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	135
✓ Pleasant Ridge *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47
✓ Zion *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32

*—Not represented.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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